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Greece Man Pleads Guilty to Kidnapping Plot Involving Ex-Girlfriend

Admits to Buying Stun Gun, Handcuffs and Renting a Secluded Cabin

Ryan Weidel, 27, of Greece, accepted a plea offer extended by State Supreme Court Justice Daniel Doyle this morning. The prosecution had offered which included a sentence promise of 10 years in state prison plus 5 years of post-release supervision. The offer from Justice Doyle, which required a plea to all of the counts in the indictment, included 6 years in state prison plus 5 years of post-release supervision on each of the two top counts, plus lesser prison and jail sentences on the two lesser counts. All of the prison and jail sentences are to run concurrent to one another. The plea included a waiver of defendant's right to appeal and an Order of Protection on behalf of the victim.

Weidel pled guilty to One Count of Attempted Kidnapping in the Second Degree, One Count of Burglary in the Second Degree, also a Class-C Violent Felony, as well as One Count of Criminal Possession of a Forged Instrument in the Second Degree, a Class-D Felony, and One Count of Criminal Possession of a Weapon in the Fourth Degree, a Class-A Misdemeanor

Weidel admitted to developing a months-long, detailed plan to abduct and possibly kill his ex-girlfriend as well as himself. The plot involved the purchase and possible use of items such as an electronic stun gun, handcuffs, duct tape and a motion sensor. Weidel also acknowledged taking out a high-interest loan on the internet to finance part of his plot. He admitted to renting a secluded cabin in the Southern Tier to which he would have taken his ex-girlfriend. He unlawfully entered a home in Greece where she was baby-sitting on August 17, 2011, with the intent to take her to this cabin, against her will, if necessary. Weidel's visit to that home was interrupted by the return of the homeowner. At the time of his arrest, Weidel also possessed a forged Monroe County Pistol Permit.

In court, Weidel further acknowledged that thus far, his mental health treatments are not working, and expressed concerns about his own potential behavior and thoughts upon release from prison without effective treatment.